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OCC-ENV-MED-L Digest for Sunday, June 18, 2017.

1. Monsanto spin doctors target cancer scientist in flawed Reuters story. June 16th 2017
2. RE: Monsanto spin doctors target cancer scientist in flawed Reuters story. June 16th 2017

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Dr. Watterson,

I have no vested interest in anything related to or any side of this story, posted it because I thought it was interesting, and main stream media rarely prints anything "favorable" to Monsanto, but I despise spin doctoring, and if that is what I posted I apologize to the group. I have compared the two articles, and there is much more substantive scientific quotation in the first (Reuters) article than the one from Huffington which you posted, and, in this day of misinformation, I like quotations! From Reuters: "We decided to remove it because . you couldn't put it all in one paper." - Aaron Blair, former epidemiologist at the U.S. National Cancer Institute, explaining why new data on glyphosate and cancer was not published On February 28, 2014, Michael Alavanja, a co-lead author of one of the draft papers, sent an email to another AHS co-researcher, copying the message to Blair. It noted that the research was "important to science, public health, IARC and EPA" - the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In the same email, Alavanja referred to the findings on non-Hodgkin lymphoma, or NHL. He wrote: "It would be irresponsible if we didn't seek publication of our NHL manuscript in time to influence IARCs (sic) decision." Appears to be politics influencing science? A bad mix!

From Huffington, "When Dr. Blair's deposition transcript is read in total, it shows that nothing was wrongfully withheld from IARC," said Plaintiffs'

attorney Aimee Wagstaff.

If the real story is why was the new information not published, and I think it is, then this from Huffington is blatant spin doctoring, imo.

Thank you for your "Murky Waters" post. This is a big story, very important for society, whichever way it goes.

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